

Serve as an AmeriCorps VISTA at United Way of the Battle Creek and Kalamazoo Region—Hands-On Program!

The Michigan Nonprofit Association Civic Engagement AmeriCorps VISTA Program is a cohort of 37 VISTAs (Volunteers In Service To America) who serve throughout the state of Michigan in a national service role and focus on eliminating poverty within the areas of **education** and **economic opportunity**. Members will serve on a **full-time basis** for one year, from August 2015 to August 2016.

Benefits of VISTA Service

- Living stipend of about \$12,000 dispersed evenly over the service term
- Loan forbearance or deferment for qualified student loans
- Relocation reimbursement of \$550 for members relocating more than 50 miles to their service site
- EITHER 1) An education award of \$5,600 to put toward student loans or future tuition
OR 2) a \$2,000 end-of-year cash stipend
- Travel reimbursement of 54 cents per mile
- Health coverage (excluding dental, vision, & pre-existing conditions)
- 10 personal days & 10 sick days, plus federally recognized holidays
- 1 year of non-competitive eligibility for federal jobs
- Professional development, networking, and community engagement opportunities
- Chance to make a difference in a Michigan community



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AmeriCorps VISTA Duties

Student engagement, including

- connecting with local K-12 educators and encouraging use of service-learning activities to improve academic successes within the classroom.
- leveraging internal organization connections with Community Literacy Collaborative (initiative led by United Way of the Battle Creek and Kalamazoo Region) to focus on specific projects to increase literacy.
- continuing ongoing partnership with Kellogg Community College and Miller College to engage college students in K-12 classroom activities
- seeking local media attention to highlight the various projects occurring

VISTA Activities

VISTA members are prohibited from participating in the following:

- Engaging in religious activity as part of their VISTA duties
- Engaging in political activity while in service time as a VISTA

How To Apply!

Send your resume to: rstull@uwbckr.org by June 2, 2015, for two upcoming positions with United Way of the Battle Creek and Kalamazoo Region—Battle Creek Hands-On.